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1. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND ONT OFFICIALS TODAY REGARDING AYP PROBLEMS WITH PEARL HIGH SCHOOL GROUP NOW IN ROMANIA. TRAIN LUPU, DIRECTOR MINISTRY OF TOURISM, AND MIHAI SERBANESCU, MANAGER ONT, WERE MOST COOPERATIVE. GOR OFFICIALS AGREED TO CONTINUE PEARL'S TOUR AT ONT EXPENSE, PENDING CORRESPONDENCE FROM ABDOO AND AYP. MUST BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS TOURING ROMANIA NOW, BOTH FROM AYP AND AMBASSADORS FOR FRIENDSHIP, FROM WHOM NO COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN HEARD. ONT UPSET AT WHAT IT CALL BREACH OF CONTRACT, BUT FOR THE SAKE OF GOOD WILL IS WILLING TO COOPERATE.

2. ONT OFFICIALS INSIST REPEAT INSIST THAT AYP FORWARD BALANCE OF MONEY OWED THEM. THEY CONSIDER AYP MANEUVER WHOLLY UNNECESSARY, CONSIDERING FACT THAT OPPORTUNITY EXISTS TO ARBITRATE DISPUTE IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER. THEY WILLING TO REFUND PAYMENT IF JUST CAUSE EXISTS, BUT ONLY AFTER THEY MEET WITH ABDOO AND AYP. ONT URGES STATE DEPT CONTACT ABDOO, AND ENCOURAGE AYP TO RECIPROCATATE WITH ITS GESTURE OF GOOD WILL.
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